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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant hereby responds to the final Office Action refusal dated January 23, 2007.

Deceptiveness and Deceptively Misdescriptive

The Examining Attorney has made final the refusal to register the mark KINU on the grounds that the mark is either deceptive under Section 2(a) or deceptively misdescriptive under Section 2(e)(1). Applicant respectively submits that its mark is neither deceptive nor deceptively misdescriptive and that these refusals should be withdrawn. Applicant has also filed a Notice of Appeal with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and requested suspension of the appeal pending the outcome of this Request for Reconsideration.

A refusal for either deceptiveness or deceptive misdescriptiveness requires some element of deception. A term is deceptively misdescriptive if it immediately conveys an idea of an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function or feature of the goods, but the idea is false, yet

plausible. See In re Woodward & Lothrop, Inc., 4 U.S.P.Q.2d 1412 (T.T.A.B. 1987) (CAMEO held deceptively misdescriptive of jewelry not containing cameos). A two-part test should be used to determine whether a mark is deceptively misdescriptive: (1) does the mark misdescribe the goods; and (2) are purchasers likely to believe the misrepresentation. In re Quady Winery, Inc., 221 U.S.P.Q. 1213, 1214 (T.T.A.B. 1984). The test for whether a mark is deceptive under Section 2(a) encompasses the two parts of the deceptively misdescriptive test and requires a third element: does: whether the misdescription materially affect customer decisions to purchase the product. See In re Berman Bros. Harlem Furniture, Co., 26 U.S.P.Q. 1514, 1515 (T.T.A.B. 1993).

The mark KINU (which means "silk" in Japanese) does not immediately convey that silk is an ingredient of the goods. Rather, the mark coveys that Applicant's soaps, hair care products and lotions have the *qualities* of silk or are smooth, silky materials. The dictionary definition of "silk" encompasses many meanings, including defining "silk" as a "silky material." *See* Exhibit A. Soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions are all silky materials. Although some soaps may literally contain "silk" or "silk fibers" as shown in the Examining Attorney's Internet printouts, consumers are also used to seeing "silk" and "silky" in connection with soaps, hair care products and lotions that do not contain "silk." For example, "Seneca Silk Soap" includes only glycerin and essential oils as ingredients. *See* Exhibit B. Similarly, recipes to make "Green Apple Silky Soap" and "Grapefruit Silky Soap" do not call for "silk" as an ingredient. *See* Exhibit C.

Furthermore, the Trademark Office has allowed other "SILK" marks to register for goods identical to those of Applicant without any question as to whether the goods contained "silk as an ingredient." These marks include SOAPSILK for creams, soaps and shampoo and conditioner;

SILK SPA for crèmes and soaps; SOOTHING SILK for lotion, shampoo, soap and conditioner; and SILK THERAPY for shampoos. TESS records as well as the relevant portions of the prosecution histories for these marks are attached as Exhibit D. That these registrations were allowed to issue without any question as to whether the goods contained silk is strong evidence that "silk" does not immediately convey that "silk" is an ingredient of soaps, shampoos and conditioners and lotions. It is clear from this evidence that "silk" cannot be deceptive with respect to these types of goods solely on the grounds that the products do not literally contain silk or silk fibers.

For these reasons, KINU does not (1) misdescribe Applicant's goods because Applicant's goods are silky materials; and (2) purchasers are not likely to believe that personal care products contain silk because they frequently encounter "silk" as a trademark and "silky" used in connection with goods that do not contain silk. See Exhibits B through D. Applicant's mark is not deceptively misdescriptive because "silk" is an accurate description of the qualities of Applicant's goods.

Even if the Examiner concludes that Applicant's mark is deceptively misdescriptive under Section 2(e)(1), the mark cannot be deceptive under Section 2(a) because the third element of the test for a descriptive mark has not been met. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examining Attorney has not established that the presence of actual "silk" in soaps, shampoos and conditioners and lotions is a factor that materially affects purchasing decisions. The Examining Attorney's evidence shows that some personal care products contain silk fibers, but this does not mean that the public is influenced to buy these goods because they contain silk or silk fibers. See Gold Seal Co. v. Weeks, 105 U.S.P.Q. 407 (D.D.C. 1955) (GLASS WAX for a

cleaner that did not contain wax was not deceptive under Section 2(a) because there was no evidence that the public was influenced to buy the product under the belief it contained wax even though some glass cleaners did contain wax). Applicant submits that the GLASS WAX case is directly on point to this case.

Because no evidence of the material impact on consumers exists, at the very least Applicant's mark may be deceptively misdescriptive but not deceptive. Indeed, Applicant's mark is less likely to deceive consumers than marks previously held to be descriptive or misdescriptive but not deceptive under Section 2(a). See, e.g., Hoover Co. v. Royal Appliance Mfg. Co., 57 U.S.P.Q.2d 1720 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (NUMBER ONE IN FLOORCARE was self-laudatory and descriptive but not deceptive under 2(a)); Berman Bros., 26. U.S.P.Q. 1514 (FURNITURE MAKERS misdescriptive but not deceptive for a retail furniture store that sold but did not manufacture furniture); American Meat Institute v. Horace W. Longacre, Inc., 211 U.S.P.Q. 712 (T.T.A.B. 1981) (BAKED TAM for turkey meat was deceptively misdescriptive but not deceptive).

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that the refusals under Sections 2(a) and 2(e) be lifted because no deception is present. In the alternative, Applicant requests that at the very least the Section 2(a) refusal be lifted because there is no evidence of a material impact on consumer purchasing decisions. If the 2(e) refusal is maintained or the examiner determines the mark is merely descriptive, Applicant requests that its application be amended to the Supplemental Register.

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Dated this 23rd day of July 2007.

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silk[1,noun]

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silk gland

silk hat

silk moth

silk oak

silk screen

Main Entry: 1silk 1) Pronunciation: \'silk\

Function: noun

Usage: often attributive

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English seolc, sioluc, probably ultimately

from Greek sērikos silken — more at SERICEOUS

Date: before 12th century

- 1; a fine continuous protein fiber produced by various insect larvae usually for cocoons; especially: a lustrous tough elastic fiber produced by silkworms and used for textiles
- 2: thread, yarn, or fabric made from silk filaments
- 3 a : a garment of silk b (1) : a distinctive silk gown worn by a King's or Queen's Counsel (2): a King's or Queen's Counsel c plural: the colored capitalized and blouse of a jockey or harness horse driver made in the registered racing color of the employing stable
- 4 a: a filament resembling silk; especially: one produced by a spider b: silky material <milkweed silk>; especially: the styles of an ear of Indian corn
- 5: PARACHUTE
- silk·like ◆ \-,līk\ adjective

EXHIBIT

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About Seneca Silk Soap

Glycerin is a natural by-product of soap making, but most commercial companies remove the glycerin to add their more profitable detergents. These detergents are often alkali based and leave your skin feeling dry and tight. These detergents can also, at times, be irritating and even harmful for your skin.

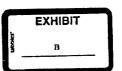
Seneca Silk Soap provides you with pure glycerin soap scented with essential oils. Glycerin is a humectants, a clear liquid that absorbs water and will leave your skin feeling soft and truly moisturized. Glycerin combined with essential oils makes our soap wonderful for not only your body, but your mind as well. Essential oils are 100 percent natural and will slow you down, soothe your mind from the hectic pace at which all our lives seem to move these days.

Our soaps are approximately 6 oz. each and the weight can vary slightly because each bar is hand poured.

Seneca Silk Soap's products are the total bathing experience. Not only will your skin benefit, but also your mind.

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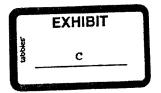
Grapefruit Silky Soap

If you have empty pump dispensers in your house, you might want to try your hand at making silky soap. They take a minimum of effort and ingredients.

1 cup unscented liquid soap 1/4 cup water 1 tsp salt Grapefruit essential oil 2 T glycerin

Combine all of the above ingredients. Add essential oil, drop by drop until the scent is to your liking.

The salt is a natural thickener so if your silky soap is too thin, add a little more salt as required.



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Green Apple Silky Soap

If you don't care for bars of soap on your counter, perhaps making your own silky soap is something to consider. It costs pennies, all the ingredients are very easy to come by and you can fill up every pump dispenser in your home quickly and easily.

Green Apple Silky Soap

1 cup unscented liquid soap or shampoo 1/4 cup water several drops fragrance oil green coloring (available at most good craft stores) salt

This recipe is very simple to follow. Simply combine liquid soap and water and stir until it is thoroughly mixed. Add your coloring and scent a few drops at a time until the color and scent is achieved. Pour shampoo into a bowl and add the water. Stir until its well mixed add the salt and fragrance. The salt in this recipe acts as a thickener.

Add a little at a time until your soft soap is the thickness you desire.



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The assigned examining attorney has reviewed the referenced application and determined the following.

NO CONFLICTING REGISTRATIONS

The examining attorney has searched the Office records and has found no similar registered or pending mark which would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. Section 1052(d). TMEP section 1105.01.

IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS

The wording "Hair care, personal care and bath preparations" in the identification of goods is unacceptable as indefinite. The applicant must amend the identification to specify the commercial name of the goods. If there is no common commercial name for the product, the applicant must describe the product and its intended uses. TMEP section 804.

The usual and acceptable format is as follows: "hair care preparations, namely (followed by a list of specific hair care products such as shampoo, hair conditioner, hair mousse, hair gel, styling lotion, hair spray or whatever is accurate.) Follow this form with "personal care preparations, namely, and list them by commercial name. Once again, use "bath preparations, namely," and list the various soaps, gels and whatever is accurate.

Please note that, while an application may be amended to clarify or limit the identification, additions to the identification are not permitted. 37 C.F.R. Section 2.71(a); TMEP section 804.09. Therefore, the applicant may not amend to include any goods that are not within the scope of goods set forth in the present identification.

CLASSIFICATION

The applicant must adopt the appropriate international classification for the specified goods. The *International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks*, developed by the World Intellectual Property Organization, classifies every product and service into one of forty#two classes. The Patent and Trademark Office uses this system to classify goods and services. 37 C.F.R. Section 6.1; TMEP section 1401.

The Office electronic Manual of Goods and Services is located on the Internet at the following address: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/tac/doc/gsmanual/

Most, if not all of applicant's products appear presently to belong in Class 3, which is the cosmetics and toiletries Class. Applicant's lists may contain products that may be classified in other Classes. Adding another Class would require another \$335 filing fee.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/PRIORITY ACTION

RESPONSE TIME LIMIT: TO AVOID ABANDONMENT, THE OFFICE MUST RECEIVE A PROPER RESPONSE TO THIS OFFICE ACTION WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE MAILING OR E-MAILING DATE. If applicant responds to the issues below within two months of the above mailing or e-mailing date, this case will be given priority handling.

MAILING/E-MAILING DATE INFORMATION: If the mailing or e-mailing date of this Office action does not appear above, this information can be obtained by visiting the USPTO website at http://tarr.uspto.gov/, inserting the application serial number, and viewing the prosecution history for the mailing date of the most recently issued Office communication.

OFFICE RECORDS SEARCH: The Office records have been searched and no similar registered or pending mark has been found that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d). TMEP §704.02.

ADVISORY - AMENDMENTS TO GOODS/SERVICES: If the identification of goods and/or services has been amended below, any future amendments must be in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a) and TMEP §1402.07(e).

QUESTIONS: Please contact the assigned trademark examining attorney with any questions.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT AUTHORIZED: As authorized by Ben Tobor on January 10, 2006, the application is amended as noted below. If applicant disagrees with or objects to any of the amendments below, please notify the undersigned trademark examining attorney immediately. Otherwise, no response is necessary. TMEP §707.

Claim of Distinctiveness under Section 2(f) Added

The following claim of acquired distinctiveness under Trademark Act Section 2(f), 15 U.S.C. §1052(f), based upon ownership of U.S. Registration 2409833 has been added to the record.

The mark has become distinctive of the goods and/or services as evidenced by ownership of U.S. Registration 2409833 on the Principal Register for the same mark for related goods or services.

37 C.F.R. §2.41(b); TMEP §§1212.04 et seq.

PRIORITY ACTION

Applicant must respond to the requirement raised below. If applicant responds to the issue below within two months of the above mailing or e-mailing date, this case will be given priority handling. TMEP §§708.01 and 708.05.

Substitute Specimen Required

The current specimen of record is unacceptable as evidence of actual trademark use because the image of the goods is blurry and none of the literal elements on the goods are decipherable. Examples of acceptable specimens for goods are tags, labels, instruction manuals, containers, photographs that show the mark on the goods or packaging, or displays associated with the goods at their point of sale. TMEP §§904.04 et seq.

Applicant must submit (1) a substitute specimen showing the mark as it is used in commerce on the goods or on packaging for the goods, and (2) a statement that "the substitute specimen was in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application," verified with a notarized affidavit or a signed declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20. 37 C.F.R. §\$2.56 and 2.59(a); TMEP §§904.01 et seq. and 904.09.

Applicant should add the following declaration paragraph to the end of its response, and include a dated signature by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. §2.33(a). 37 C.F.R. §2.20.

The substitute specimen was in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application.